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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF HEBRON.

1883.

FEB 24 1912

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF HEBRON,

For the Year Ending February 15,

1883.

PARIS, MAINE:
PRINTED AT THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT OFFICE.
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TOWN OFFICERS:

SELECTMEN:

CHARLES H. GEORGE.
EZEKIEL MERRILL. H. C. HOWARD.

TOWN CLERK, & TREASURER,
ZIBEON L. PACKARD.

SUPERVISOR,
S. D. RICHARDSON.

COLLECTOR,
J. D. STURTEVANT.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

The valuation of the town of Hebron as taken by the Assessors on the first day of April, 1882, was as follows, to wit :

Whole number of Polls, 117.

Value of Real Estate,	\$151,451 00
Value of Personal Estate,	34,389 00

The town raised for the year 1882, at their annual town meeting, held March 6th, 1882 :

For Schools,	\$595 20	
Roads and Bridges,	100 00	
Support of Poor,	250 00	
Town Officers Bills,	200 00	
To Pay Town Debt,	1,860 00	
For Contingent Expenses,	100 00	
Total amount raised by town,		\$3,105 20
State Tax,	\$852 47	
County Tax,	189 11	
Overlay on Tax,	86 47	
Unpaid Highway,	47 43	
Total amount committed for collection,		\$4,280 68

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Francina Bumpus for supporting Daniel	
Bumpus,	\$114 00
Moses Young, for supporting Delphina	
Cox,	20 00
Paid the City of Lewiston for supplies	
furnished Orin Q. Pratt's family,	53 37
Due the City of Auburn for supplies fur-	
nished Orin Q. Pratt's family,	126 44
Total pauper bills,	\$318 81

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs of No. 4 hill,	\$18 45	
Paid Thomas DeCoster, Dist. No. 9,	7 96	
" A. C. Tubbs, Dist. No. 9,	2 50	
" Almon DeCoster, hauling plank for Foster Bridge,	4 00	
" A. S. Bowman, Dist. No. 15, for 1881,	5 00	
" A. S. Bowman, Dist. No. 15, for 1882,	10 00	
" H. M. Bearce, Dist. No. 15,	5 00	
" John P. Gifford, Dist. No. 18,	6 27	
" Jabez Davis, Dist. No. 3,	2 24	
" S. H. Keen, Dist. No. 1,	17 00	
" S. H. Keen, timber furnished Davee Bridge,	12 00	
" P. V. Everett, Dist. No. 13,	8 49	
" H. C. Howard, Dist. No. 12,	5 77	
		\$104 68

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Town raised for support of Schools,	\$595 20	
State School fund,	305 64	
Unexpended last year,	4 68	
Total,		\$905 52
Money expended in the several districts as follows:		
District No. 1.—Money appropriated,	\$64 98	
Expended,	61 19	
Undrawn,		\$3 79
District No. 2.—Money appropriated,	\$113 09	
Expended,	103 96	
Undrawn,		\$9 13
District No. 3.—Money appropriated,	\$134 74	
Expended,	111 54	
Undrawn,		\$23 20

District No. 4.—Money appropriated,	\$152 90	
Expended,	119 55	
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Undrawn,		\$33 35
District No. 5.—Money appropriated,	\$99 94	
Expended,	93 69	
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Undrawn,		\$6 25
District No. 6.—Money appropriated,	\$129 04	
Expended,	96 20	
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Undrawn,		\$32 84
District No. 7.—Money appropriated,	\$94 20	
Expended,	63 75	
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Undrawn,		\$30 45
District No. 8.—Money appropriated,	\$64 78	
Expended,	53 78	
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Undrawn,		\$11 00
District No. 9.—Money appropriated,	\$51 81	
Expended,	30 00	
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Undrawn,		\$21 81
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		\$171 82

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mellville McKenny Poll Tax for 1881,	\$3 00	
James McCarrison, Poll Tax for 1881,	3 00	
Almon Bucknam, Poll Tax for 1879,	3 00	
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		\$9 00
W. K. Andrews, Tax for 1881,		3 63
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		\$12 63

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOLS,

From March 1, 1882, to Feb. 19, 1883.

James M. Chesley, repairs, District No. 1,	\$10 53
Nellie J. DeCoster, teaching, "	16 00
Persis A. Hall, " "	15 00
J. M. Chesley, boarding teacher, "	7 50
Moses Corbett, " "	10 80
J. M. Chesley, repairs, "	1 36
Addie Marshall, teaching, Dis't No. 2,	24 50
C. W. Foster, insurance, "	8 75
Albinus Bicknell, wood, "	7 00
H. A. Bumpus, teaching, "	50 00
By vote of town and expended in Dis't	
No. 6,	13 71
A. S. Ryerson, wood, Dis't No. 3,	7 00
A. S. Ryerson, cleaning house, Dis't No. 3,	2 25
Lizzie Briggs, teaching, "	20 00
S. R. Bridgham, repairs, "	5 00
E. B. Gibbs, teaching, "	49 69
S. R. Bridgham, repairs, "	4 69
Mrs. S. R. Bridgham, boarding, "	22 91
Lizzie Sawyer, teaching, Dis't No. 4,	18 00
Jabez Davis, boarding teacher, District	
No. 4,	7 80
Jabez Davis, cleaning house, Dis't No. 4,	1 00
Lizzie Sawyer, teaching, "	24 00
George F. Chesley, teaching, "	68 75
Helen Howe, teaching, Dis't No. 5,	30 00
L. B. Merrill, material furnished, Dis't	
No. 5,	98
L. B. Merrill, repairs, Dis't No. 5,	10 00
James D. Sturtevant, teaching, Dis't No.	
5,	28 00
L. B. Merrill, wood, Dis't No. 5,	1 91
L. B. Merrill, boarding teacher, Dis't	
No. 5,	22 80
Z. L. Packard, boarding teacher, Dis't	
No. 6,	16 00

Bertha L. Packard, teaching, Dis't No. 6,	16 00
H. A. Cushman, materials furnished, "	7 48
H. A. Cushman, board, "	8 72
Avoline B. Forbes, teaching, "	8 00
Isa B. Foster, "	40 00
Hattie Hooper, " Dis't No. 7,	25 00
B. F. Sturtevant, board, "	12 00
B. F. Sturtevant, " "	18 00
B. F. Sturtevant, wood, "	6 75
B. F. Sturtevant, repairs, "	2 00
H. A. Cushman, money drawn from No. 8, to be expended in Dis't No. 6,	18 28
L. B. Merrill, money drawn from No. 8, to be expended in Dis't No. 5,	32 00
A. S. Bowman, wood, Dis't No. 8,	3 50
C. H. Bridgham, repairs, " 9,	5 00
L. C. Bridgham, teaching, " 9,	25 00
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	\$733 66

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

C. H. George, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer
of Poor:

March 8, 1 day drawing orders and as- signing limits,	\$1 50
Express on Town Reports and valuation books,	60
April 10, 7 days taking valuation,	10 50
21, 5 days making highway taxes,	7 50
July 1, 2 days making money taxes,	8 00
Aug. 30, ½ day drawing warrants,	75
Sept. 15, 1 day issuing bonds and exam- ining real estate of Samuel Corbett,	1 50
Oct. 14, 1 day on No. 4 hill, viewing town lines with the Select- men of Paris,	1 50

Jan. 12, 1 day looking after the family of O. Q. Pratt,	1 50
Feb. 19, 5 days making town reports, Stationery and postage,	7 50 43

\$36 28

Ezekiel Merrill, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor :

March 8, 1 day drawing orders and as- signing limits,	\$1 50
April 10, 7 days taking valuation,	10 50
21, 5 days making highway taxes,	7 50
July 1, 1 day making money taxes,	1 50
Aug. 10, 1 day making list of voters and posting,	1 50
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing warrants,	75
Sept. 12, 1 day at Auburn looking after the family of O. Q. Pratt,	3 00
Sept. 15, 1 day issuing bonds and exam- ining real estate of Samuel Corbett,	1 50
28, 1 day at Auburn looking after the family of O. Q. Pratt,	3 00
Oct. 14, 1 day on No. 4 hill, viewing town lines with the Select- men of Paris,	1 50
28, 1 day looking after the family of O. Q. Pratt, at Auburn,	3 00
Jan. 12, 1 day looking after the family of O. Q. Pratt, at Auburn,	3 00
5, $\frac{1}{2}$ day looking after road in Davee district,	50
Feb. 19, 5 days making town reports,	7 50
Oct. — 1 day at A. K. Bumpus, For legal advice,	1 50 3 00

\$50 75

H. C. Howard, as Selectman, Assessor and
Overseer of the Poor :

March 8, 1 day drawing orders and as- signing road limits,	\$1 50	
April 10, 7 days taking valuation,	10 50	
" 21, 5 days making taxes for high- way,	7 50	
July 1, 1 day making money tax,	1 50	
Aug. 30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing warrants,	75	
Sep. 12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Auburn looking after O. Q. Pratt,	75	
Oct. 10, 1 day at Auburn looking after O. Q. Pratt,	3 00	
Sept. 15, $\frac{1}{2}$ day making bonds,	75	
Feb. 19, 5 days making Town Report,	7 50	
		\$33 75
Z. L. Packard, Clerk and Treasurer,	\$25 00	
S. D. Richardson, Supervisor of schools,	30 00	
J. D. Sturtevant, Collector in part for 1881 and 1882,	42 32	
J. D. Sturtevant, Constable for posting Warrants and notifying town officers for 1882,	6 50	
		\$103 82

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES.

For support of Poor,	\$313 81	
Repair of Roads and bridges,	104 68	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	20 75	
Schools,	733 66	
Abatement of Taxes,	12 63	
Interest on Bonds,	561 24	
Bonds,	1,300 00	
Town Orders and Interest on same,	770 84	
Town Orders not on Interest,	187 01	
Bill of O. Q. Pratt for 1881,	74 25	
Total,		\$4,078 87

Town raised for Town purposes,	\$3,105 20
Overlay,	86 47
Unpaid Highway,	47 43
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Total amount committed for collection	
aside from State and County Taxes,	\$3,239 10
State school fund,	305 64
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Total,	\$3,544 74
Leaving a balance in the expenditures	
of this year against the the town of,	\$534 13

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

The liabilities of the town are as follows:

Town bonds,	\$11,050 00	
Pauper bills now due,	174 90	
Interest on Bonds for six months,	276 25	
Outstanding Town Orders at interest,	260 69	
" " not on interest,	168 25	
" " School Orders,	29 41	
Due the several School Districts,	171 82	
Town Officers Bills,	224 60	
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To meet these liabilities we find

Cash in Treasury,	\$305 94	
Taxes secured by Deeds, Residents,	331 12	
" " " " Non-residents,	275 14	
Non-Resident Taxes,	73 63	
Due on Tax Bills of 1875,	10 04	
" " " 1879,	1,008 90	
" " " 1880,	61 52	
" " " 1881,	1,004 95	
" " " 1882,	3,030 02	
Due from the Town of Hartford,	6 75	
Due from John Gurney, rent of Daniel		
Bumpus farm	25 00	
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Leaving a balance against the Town of	\$6,222 91
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To facilitate business we have thought it advisable to recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

To pay the town debt,	\$1,860 00
Roads and bridges,	100 00
Town Officers bills,	225 00
Schools,	480 80
Support of poor,	300 00
Contingent expenses,	100 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. GEORGE,	} Selectmen
EZEKIEL MERRILL,	
H. C. HOWARD,	

of
Hebron.

Hebron, Feb. 19, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Z. L. PACKARD, Treasurer,

Dr.

To amount of cash in the Treasury at
settlement one year ago, \$138 98

Received from City of Auburn, 29 18

“ A. G. Turner, for high-
way tax, 8 49

“ Mrs. E. P. Gurney for
use of D. Bumpus farm, 25 00

Lands sold for taxes,

“ J. A. Bucknam, 16 60

“ Ronello Donham, 3 71

“ Levi A. Maxim, 24 89

“ Dr. Edgcomb, Charles
Sturtevant farm, 20 24

“ Ebenezer Donham, on
Horace Donham farm, 20 00

“ I. P. Bearce on Zeb Bry-
ant farm, 50 00

“ Bal. of school fund of
1881, 100 00

“ School fund of 1882, 305 64

“ State Treasurer for State
pension to A. P. Brown, 72 00

“ Selectmen cash, 800 00

“ J. D. Sturtevant, Collector, 2,491 09

“ Non-Resident taxes, 295 47

\$4,403 29

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Paid Coupon Interest,	561 24
" Bonds,	1,300 00
Town orders that were drawing interest,	
" Joseph Freeman order,	504 58
" Randall orders,	229 13
" Avoline Forbes order,	37 13
" Postage and express,	2 01
" For advertising taxes,	4 50
" For printing the town and school reports,	11 14
" Hoyt, Fogg and Donham receipts,	3 10
" A. P. Brown, State pension,	72 00
" School and town orders,	1,372 52
Cash in the treasury,	305 94

 \$4,403 29

Z. L. PACKARD, Treasurer for the town of Hebron.

We have this day examined the accounts of Z. L. Packard, Treasurer, and find the same correct as above set forth.

C. H. GEORGE,	} Selectmen
EZEKIEL MERRILL,	
H. C. HOWARD,	
	of
	Hebron.

Hebron, Feb. 19, 1883.

LIST OF TOWN ORDERS DRAWN.

From March 1st, 1882, to Feb. 19, 1883.

Thomas DeCoster, work, District No. 9,	\$7 96
A. S. Bowman, work, district No. 15,	5 00
S. D. Richardson, Supervisor,	30 00
S. P. Cushman, Selectman, Assessor, &c.,	35 00
C. H. George, " "	36 00
Ezekiel Merrill, " "	27 00
Z. L. Packard, Clerk and Treasurer,	25 00
J. D. Sturtevant, Collector,	44 52
" " warning town officers,	6 50
S. P. Cushman, taking care of town house,	2 00
" " postage, &c.,	1 07
" " service drawing warrant,	1 50
C. H. George, " "	1 50
Almon DeCoster, hauling plank for Foster bridge,	4 00
H. C. Howard, work on road, No. 12,	5 77
Francina Bumpus, supporting Daniel Bumpus,	112 50
John P. Gifford, work on road, No. 18,	6 27
A. S. Ryerson, work on Bog Brook bridge,	9 76
Z. L. Packard, money paid on Hutchinson order,	2 37
J. D. Sturtevant, money to pay O. Q. Pratt's bill at Lewiston,	127 62
Orders drawn for No. 4 hill,	18 45
A. C. Tubbs, work on roads, district No. 9.	2 50
Jabez Davis, " " " 3,	2 24
S. H. Keen, " " " 1,	17 00
" " timber for Davee bridge,	12 00
Moses Young, supporting Delphina Cox,	20 00
Willard K. Andrews, abatement of tax for 1881,	3 68
P. V. Everett work on road, No. 13,	8 49
S. P. Cushman, repairs on Town House,	1 50
A. S. Bowman, work on road, district 15,	10 00
H. M. Bearce, " " " "	5 00
J. D. Sturtevant, abatement Melville McKenney's tax,	3 00
J. D. Sturtevant, abatement Almon Buckman's tax,	3 00
" " " James McCarrison's "	3 00
" " notifying town officers,	6 50
C. H. Goodwin, work on road, district No. 17,	1 15
J. D. Sturtevant, Collecting, &c.,	42 32



SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Fellow Citizens :

Your Supervisor, to whom were entrusted the important interests of the schools in this town during the past year, having attended to the duties assigned him by law, would respectfully submit the following report :

DISTRICT NO. 2,—CLARK W. FOSTER, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 24. The summer term was taught by Addie M. Marshall. Length of school, 7 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 9; average number, 8. It may be said of Miss Marshall, as last year, in connection with this school, that "she did well." The scholars were orderly, attentive to their studies, and the progress was satisfactory.

The winter term was taught by Horatio A. Bumpus. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 17; average number, 14. It was pleasant to see a larger number present than usual, and to see them so interested in their studies. Mr. Bumpus had taught but one school before, but he seemed perfectly at home in the school room. The discipline was good, and it was evidently a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 3,—S. R. BRIDGHAM, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 40. Miss Lizzie C. Briggs taught the summer term. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 18; average number, 14. This was Miss Briggs' first experience in teaching, and at my first visit, I had some doubts as to the success of the school, as some of the scholars were inclined to be unruly, but when I visited it the last time, I was happily disappointed. The school appeared

unusually well. The discipline was excellent, the pupils were studious, and satisfactory progress had been made. She was liked so well, that she was engaged for the fall term, which she taught for 6 weeks with like satisfactory results. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 20.

The winter term was taught by Emery B. Gibbs. Length of term, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars registered, 25; average number, 20. The agent was fortunate in employing so good a teacher. He was well qualified, and in the discharge of his duties, was earnest, persevering and faithful. He believed in thoroughness, and in doing well whatever was attempted. He governed admirably, with but little apparent effort, and as a natural result, the school was well disciplined, as well as instructed.

The closing examination was of a high order, and evinced fidelity on the part of teacher and scholars. It was a very profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 4,—JADEZ DAVIS, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 34. The summer term was taught by Miss Lizzie W. Sawyer. Length of school, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 18; average number, 18; so we see that none were absent a day. Though young and without any previous experience in teaching, Miss Sawyer was well adapted to the school. She was highly successful in winning the love and confidence of her pupils, the esteem of the parents, and our own hearty commendation.

Seldom have I seen one so young, possessing so many of the requisite qualifications for a successful teacher. She is a good scholar, energetic, apt to teach, and well deserves the success she achieved.

She, also, had charge of the fall term term of 8 weeks, with most satisfactory results. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 15. At the closing examination, there were recitations, select readings, singing, etc.

George F. Chesley had charge of the winter term. Length of school, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars registered, 26; average number, 19.

Mr. Chesley taught this school two years ago, with good success, and he was gladly received by his former pupils as their teacher again. The school was evidently a profitable one. The closing examination clearly indicated faithfulness and well directed effort on the part of the teacher, and satisfactory improvement on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5,—LEVI B. MERRILL, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 20. The summer term was taught by Miss Helen J. Howe. Length of school, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 13; average number, 10. Miss Howe was well qualified to instruct, seemed interested in her work, and did what she thought was best to make the school a success, but had she been a little less indulgent, and not allowed the scholars so many liberties, seemingly needless, it would have been an improvement. She evidently loved her pupils, and found it hard to deny them any request.

With this exception, the school appeared well, and there was good evidence of progress.

James S. Sturtevant had charge of the winter term. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars registered, 21; average number, 16. This was one of the most profitable terms, here, for years. The management was good, the scholars orderly, and studious, and the recitations satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 6,—H. A. CUSHMAN, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 37. The summer term was taught by Bertha L. Packard. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 22; average number, 20.

Miss Packard was well known in this district as a good teacher, having taught the school several terms. She is a good scholar, and her pupils have a high regard for her as an instructor. As in the past, she gave good satisfaction.

Miss Avoline R. Forbes, a most excellent teacher, commenced the winter term, but after two weeks of satisfactory service, was

obliged to leave on account of sickness, much to the regret of the scholars, parents, and Supervisor. It was hoped, and the expectation was cherished, that after a few weeks, she would be able to return to the school, and go successfully through with it, but it was a vain hope; and when it was known that she could not return, Miss Isa B. Foster was engaged to finish the school. Length of school, including the two weeks previously taught, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars registered, 26; average number, 23. Miss Foster is a good scholar, a graduate of Bates College, and has taught several terms in town, with good success. It was well for the district, that one so well qualified could be obtained, to take the place of Miss Forbes. If she has failed in any one thing, it is, perhaps, in discipline, though the school appeared *well* when visited. It would require a large amount of tact, to keep so many little ones in just the places they should be, and interested. Miss Foster has done well, and the scholars have made commendable progress.

DISTRICT NO. 7,—BRADFORD STURTEVANT, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 28. Miss Hattie A. Hooper taught the summer term. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 15; average number, 13.

Miss Hooper has many excellent qualifications for a teacher. If she lacks in any important particular, it is in that of energy, yet the school was well managed and orderly, and commendable progress was made in all the studies.

The closing examination was very satisfactory, and was made especially interesting by recitations, declamations and select readings. It would be well, if this was a more common practice, and if the parents would more generally be present.

Miss Hooper, also, taught the fall or winter term. Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars registered, 15; average number, 13. The school appeared well at both visits, and while it was evident that the teacher gave general satisfaction it was especially noticeable that the smaller scholars were very deeply attached to her, and had made good advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 8,—H. M. BEARCE, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 13. At the last annual meeting, it was voted that the scholars belonging in this district attend the school in District No. 5, and that they draw the money for that purpose. Subsequently, permission was given them to attend where it would accommodate them best, or where it would be their preference to go; consequently some attended in District No. 5, others in District No. 6, and there was no school here.

Amount of money raised by the town the past year	
for the support of schools,	\$595 20
Amount apportioned by the State,	305 64
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Making a total of	\$900 84
Whole number of scholars in town between the	
ages of 4 and 21,	196
Dividing the amount of money by the number of	
scholars, it gives to each	\$4 60
Whole length of all the summer schools	43 weeks
Average " " " "	7 "
Whole " " fall " "	14 "
Average " " " "	7 "
Whole " " winter " "	64 "
Average " " " "	10 $\frac{2}{3}$ "
Average wages of teachers of summer schools	\$4 25
" " " fall " "	4 40
" " " winter " "	6 95

Such, fellow citizens, is the report I have to present, and I have endeavored to give you a fair and impartial statement of the condition of our schools.

It is evident that they have generally been more profitable than for several years past. In some of the districts they have been unusually successful, and we have reason to be grateful, that as a whole, they have been so prosperous. Success, as well as failure, should teach us the importance of securing good and efficient

teachers, even if we have to pay them a good price. There cannot be steady and systematic progress without this; and it should be the aim of all, to help in the work of raising our schools to a higher standard.

In some of our schools, I noticed a great lack of books. Such neglect is inexcusable. When two or three, and sometimes more, have to read or study from the same book, much of real good is lost, and still worse is it for the school, when the teachers, as in almost every school I have visited, have depended on the scholars for books, readers especially, which is decidedly wrong. Teachers, as well as scholars, should have books of their own, so as not to discommode others.

In respect to agents I would say, that they are not always aware how needful it is that the Supervisor receive the census report, early in April. Will you please remember and act promptly? From the suggestions, and actual requirements of the State Superintendent, the Supervisor's labors are being increased, year by year, till now the actual visiting of the schools, is but a small part of the work he has to do, and while to some it may seem to be a pleasant service (and in some respects it is) there is a constant feeling of anxiety and responsibility, known only to him. In doing the best he can, he sometimes makes mistakes, of course, and is often blamed when no blame is due, so he needs your hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. RICHARDSON,

Supervisor.

Hebron, March 1, 1883.